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Applicant ..... Microsoft Corporation  
Group Art Unit ..... 2154  
Examiner ..... Patel, Harsh N.  
Attorney's Docket No. .... MS1-633US  
Title: A SYSTEM AND RELATED METHODS FOR REDUCING THE  
INSTANCES OF SOURCE FILES IN A FILTER GRAPH

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 20, 2004**  
**AMENDMENT**

To: M/S: Amendments  
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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From: Lawrence E. Lycke  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 20, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified applications as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments  
to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 14 of this paper and include  
attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

An Appendix including replacement sheets is attached following page \_\_\_ of  
this paper.

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TO: Examiner Patel

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FROM: Lawrence E. Lycke

RE: Patent Application No. 09/731,529

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Dear Examiner Patel,

Attached is a draft response to the Office Action of January 20, 2004 for your consideration during our interview on Monday, May 17, 2004.

Look forward to speaking with you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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